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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/68/452)*]

68/145. Strengthening collaboration on child protection within the United Nations system

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1]

Reaffirming further the Convention on the Rights of the Child[2] and its Optional Protocols,[3] and recalling all its previous resolutions on the rights of the child and its resolution 66/139, adopted on 19 December 2011,

Recognizing the primary role and responsibility of the State in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, including child protection, bearing in mind the importance of relevant actors of the United Nations supporting the State in this regard,

Reaffirming that the best interest of the child, non-discrimination, participation and survival and development provide the framework for all actions concerning children, including those of States and of all relevant actors of the United Nations dealing with the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, including child protection,

Recognizing the important role and the continuing work of the United Nations system and all its relevant actors in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, including child protection, and recognizing also the important role and contribution of civil society in this regard,

Encouraging relevant actors to promote capacity-building through international, regional, trilateral and South-South cooperation in support of national efforts in the endeavour to promote child protection,

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).

[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

[3] Ibid., vols. 2171 and 2173, No. 27531; and resolution 66/138, annex.

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Stressing that collaboration within the United Nations system on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, including child protection, is important for the continuation of support for the efforts of Member States in the realization of the rights of the child, and in this regard reaffirms the important role that the General Assembly continues to play in strengthening collaboration and coherence within the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Welcomes* the existing collaboration among relevant actors of the United Nations working on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, including child protection, invites them, within existing resources and mandates, to continue to highlight information on such collaboration in their existing reports to the General Assembly and to also address this issue within the framework of the existing interactive dialogue of the Third Committee under the item entitled "Promotion and protection of the rights of children", and invites these United Nations actors to further enhance their collaboration;

3. *Reiterates* the importance of all relevant actors of the United Nations on child protection continuing to exercise their functions in a fully independent manner and to act in full observance of their respective mandates;

4. *Underlines* the importance of sustained, adequate resources and support for the work of the United Nations system on the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, including child protection, and in this regard strongly encourages enhanced voluntary contributions to support the work of all relevant actors of the United Nations, so as to support the delivery of technical assistance and capacity-building in the area of child protection, at the request of Member States;

5. *Encourages* key child protection stakeholders in the United Nations system to continue their collaboration, including through promoting holistic, multi-partner and multisectoral responses to child protection issues, taking into account national best practices in different regions and countries;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a follow-up report to the General Assembly at its seventy-first session on the current collaboration within the United Nations system on child protection, taking into account information provided by Member States and relevant actors of the United Nations.

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[4] A/68/253.